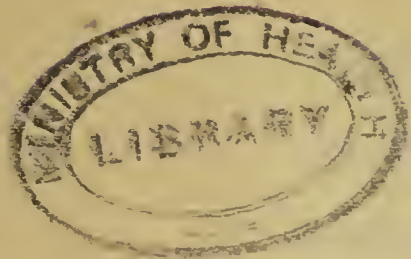


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE WADEBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR
1932.-----

Gentlemen,



I beg to present my Report of the Sanitary condition of the District for the year 1932.

The acreage of the District is.....864

Estimated Resident population as at
 Mid-year 1931.....2404
 (That for 1932 not having yet been
 received from the Registrar General).

Number of habitable houses..... 747

" " occupied " 735

" " separate occupiers..... 735

Rateable Value. £11,983

Product of 1d. Rate. £ 47. 10. 0.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is entirely agricultural and there are no Local Industries with the exception of two small iron foundries.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live birth.</u>	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	39	25	14	Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 17.47
Illigitimate.	3	0	3	
<u>Still births.</u>	3	3	0	Rate per 1000 total (live & still birth 71.42
<u>Deaths.</u>	37	17	20	Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population 15.30

Deaths from Puerperal causes. Nil.

Death -rate of infants under 1 year of age.

(1) All infants per 1000 live births.	23.33
(2) Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live birth.	25.64
(3) Illigitimate infants per 1000 illigitimate live birth.	Nil.
Deaths from Measles. (all ages.)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping-cough. (all ages).	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea. (under 2 years.)	Nil.

AGES AT DEATH.

Between 1 year and 10 years.	0
" 10years " 20 "	1
" 20 " " 30 "	3
" 30 " " 40 "	0
" 40 " " 50 "	2
" 50 " " 60 "	3
" 60 " " 70 "	5
" 70 " " 80 "	12
" 80 " " 90 "	10
" 90 " " 100 "	1

Average age at death. 67

Deaths under one year. 1

The above table shows that 60% of the deaths above one year occurred over the age of 70, an indication of the healthiness of the District.

SICKNESS.

The year again was a very healthy one and the only epidemic diseases prevalent were chicken-pox and whooping-cough.

Influenza was conspicuously absent.

NURSING.

There are two District-Nurse-Midwives who cover between them a radius of 4 miles. There are no special arrangements for the nursing of infectious fevers.

Maternity & Nursing Homes.

There is one house registered as a maternity Home for one patient.

Child Welfare & Clinics.

The Welfare centre is open once a week and is attended by Local Medical men and the Health visitor in alternate weeks.

The number of mothers and children attending is well maintained.

An Orthopaedic Centre is open once a month and is attended from Truro.

Health visiting is carried out by the County Council Health Visitor who resides in the Town.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia-	3
Tuberculosis	- 3 (2 pulmonary).
Erysipelas	-

Although there is a great prevalence of Catarrhal complaints during the winter months, the Tuberculosis rate is low.

There is no provision for the isolation of infectious diseases, and this has long been a source of anxiety. It is very difficult, when a case of infection occurs in a small and crowded cottage, to limit the spreading of the disease and prevent an epidemic.

The provision of isolation hospitals on a small scale by small Urban & Rural Districts is a uneconomic and ineffective method of dealing with the question.

It is presumed that when the new Act is in full working order this matter will be dealt with by the County Council.

WATER SUPPLY.

The new source has now been in use for some time and is proving very successful.

There is now a thoroughly satisfactory supply for the District. The District being divided into two zones, i.e. High & Low Zones.

The high zone is supplied direct from the new source at Hustyn, new distribution mains having been laid for the purpose. The area is adequately supplied with Fire Hydrants with ample pressure at these points.

SEWERAGE.

Certain old and defective sewers have been relaid and new sewers have been extended to building estates.

SCAVENGING.

This matter receives considerable attention and is carried out satisfactorily. Detritus from the Gullies being sprinkled with disinfectant powder.

HOUSE REFUSE.


This is collected twice weekly by Refuse Lorry from the houses in the District and taken to the "Tip" where it is buried with soil excavated at the tip and soil obtained from other excation.

MILK SUPPLY.

The Dairies & Cowsheds within the area are subjected to frequent inspection to ensure cleanliness and the use of glass bottles for milk delivery continues to increase.

BREAD.

This commodity is delivered from Vans in an unwrapped state and legislation is necessary to enforce that it should be delivered wrapped in paper thereby preventing it becoming soiled before delivery is taken.



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HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects. (Under Public Health or Housing Acts). 39
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 39
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. 39
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 39
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. Three
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-
Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. Three
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-
 - (a) Proceedings under sections 17, 18, and 23 of the Housing Act 1930.
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs. -
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By owners. -
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. -
 - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. -
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.
 - (a) By owners. -
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. -
 - (c) Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act 1930;
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. -
 - (2) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. -
 - (d) Proceedings under sections 20 of the Housing Act 1930.
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. -

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.

(e) Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act 1925.

(1). Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices became operative requiring repairs.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.

(a) By owners.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close.

(f) Proceedings under section 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act 1925:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders became operative.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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